

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 32 to page 2, line 16, replace the paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs.

By providing a hearing aid as claimed in claim 1 the above problems are solved. By having wherein the microphone is associated with the printed circuit board, it is assured that very short leads can be used to provide the electrical connection between the circuit board and the microphone.

At the same time, the upper shell part and the bottom shell part can be parted and re-assembled in connection with service and maintenance of the hearing aid without violating the leads.

As claimed in claim two, the The microphone suspension comprises can include a sound canal between the microphone and the at least one sound inlet opening in the top shell part. The sound canal thus is made of a rather flexible material, and it will be easy to assure good and sound tight connection with the sound inlet opening in the top shell part of the hearing aid when the top and bottom shell parts are connected.

Further as claimed in claim three it is It can be advantageous to have the fixing means for attachment to the circuit board arranged adjacently to the sound canal. In this way, the fixing means are arranged at some distance from the microphone as such, and this helps at the one side to keep the overall size small and at the other side to assure flexible suspension of the microphone.

Page 2, lines 24 to 31, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

In a further aspect of the invention ~~according to claim five~~ a method for producing a hearing aid is provided. Accordingly, the microphone is connected both through electric wire and by the suspension means to the electric circuit board, and this sub-assembly is then placed in the hearing aid bottom shell, whereupon the top shell is placed over this sub-assembly and fastened to the bottom shell and at the same time the sound inlet opening in the top-shell is tightly connected to the sound canal associated with the microphone suspension. This way of producing the hearing aid is both time-saving, and it provides a hearing aid which is easily taken apart and re-assembled for service purposes.

Page 3, lines 23 to 24, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

The microphone 4 has a microphone casing and a snout part. The snout part is embraced by a suspension part 41 which is integral with the sound canal 42 for directing sound from the surroundings to the microphone casing 40.